



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 07 Dec - 11 Dec 2020: Week 1



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware from recent Government announcements that schools must remain open until the Christmas holidays for all pupils. Some schools had proposed to finish a week early, in order to reduce the transmission rates within school and thereby reduce the risk of pupils infecting family members over the Christmas period or needing to self-isolate. The Government has been very clear that this is not allowed and is, in fact, against the law as per the Coronavirus Act 2020. Therefore, our final day will be Friday 18th December and we shall finish at 1pm. The bus company has been informed of this too.

Please could I request that parents/carers do not come into school to hand in to reception items your child may have forgotten, in order to reduce the risk of transmission.

#### GCSE Exams 2021

Further details were announced on Thursday regarding next summer's exams. All details can be found [here](#). Some of the main details to be aware of are as follows:

- There will be a 3 week delay to the commencement of the exam period to allow for additional teaching time
- More generous grading than usual, in line with results from summer 2020, so that this year's cohort is not disadvantaged
- Students getting advance notice - at the end of January - of some topic areas covered in exams to focus revision
- Exam aids - such as formula sheets - provided in some exams to cut down on the memorising required
- Additional "backup" exams - to be held in July - to give students a second chance to sit a paper if they have to miss main exams or assessments due to illness or self-isolation
- And a new expert group, which will monitor variation in the impact of the pandemic on students across the country

In extreme cases, where a student misses all their papers, a **teacher-assessed grade** will be given. It is absolutely essential that year 11s understand this and therefore why it is so important that they continue to improve their *Working at Grades* (WaGs).

Finally, we are delighted to welcome back our year 7s on Monday, who have been self-isolating for the past two weeks. I hope this break will have had the desired effect and reduce the rate of transmission amongst the pupils.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell

## Year 7 Messages

## Year 8 Messages

## Year 9 Messages

### Year 9 Prefect Window Open

ALL year 9 have been emailed the application form to become a full prefect with prefect tie and responsibilities.

If your child has aspirations of becoming SSLT/red tie, they must be a prefect first.

We will consider your child's BfL, attendance and they receive endorsement from their HAL.

If you or your child has any questions please email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

## Year 10 Messages

## Year 11 Messages

<https://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk/virtual-tour/>

This is a great virtual tour of Bolton Sixth Form College - it's a lovely new state of the art building, situated next to Bolton College and across the road from the University of Bolton. It is easily reached by bus or train - and it offers a great choice of subjects and courses, and the option to mix and match A Levels with BTECs.

Don't forget that you need to apply to at least TWO colleges - preferably before Christmas.

## Careers

Don't forget that there is a Parklands Careers Twitter account - @PHSCareers1

Greater Manchester and Lancashire residents are invited to apply for free digital skills training programmes, which are now open for applications. These new flexible programmes, which are part of the Fast Track Digital Workforce Fund and funded by the Department for Education Digital Bootcamps, come with guaranteed interviews for jobs in the region in specialist tech roles such as DevOps, Data Analysts, Cloud Engineers or Digital Marketers.

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/free-digital-training-programmes-launched-today-to-support-lancashire-and-greater-manchester-residents-to-fast-track-into-digital-roles/>

Have a look at this short video. Jack is an engineer and his team have designed a wristband that helps the wearer feel calm and focused. Engineering covers all aspects of design and innovation - it's not all heavy machinery and hard hats!

<https://neonfutures.org.uk/case-study/design-engineer-jack-cooper/>



Don't forget that you have access to Indigo, both at home and at school. You can explore hundreds of careers, check out employers or find out about university courses. If you have lost or forgotten your log-in details, email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Supply Chain Manager is the Career of the Week. You could be responsible for the purchase and distribution of goods and materials, all over the world.

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>

Check out the link and see if this is the career for you!

# Apprenticeship Notifications

## Build the Future' announced as theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2021

"Build the Future" is the theme for NAW2021, taking place between 8 and 14 February 2021, aiming to encourage everyone to consider how apprenticeships help individuals to build the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career. The week is a great opportunity to highlight the huge range of apprenticeships on offer - from Space Engineer to Registered Nurse. There are currently around 7,000 apprenticeship opportunities available on the Find An Apprenticeship website which will benefit individuals, businesses and local communities.

Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, Gillian Keegan says: "Apprenticeships are a fantastic way to learn while you earn, opening up new and exciting career paths that can transform lives. It's been a tough year for everyone, but we want the theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2021 to be a springboard to look ahead to how apprenticeships can futureproof workforces and boost careers".

For further details or advice on apprenticeships, see Miss Berry [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**Armed Forces webinar recording:** Amazing Apprenticeships hosted an exclusive webinar with the Armed Forces last week to explore the apprenticeship opportunities with the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. Please find the full recording, presentation slides and more resources [here](#).

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-december/>

Myerscough College have their final course advice morning for 2020 - Saturday 5th December, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Staff from all our subject areas will be online throughout the morning, along with staff from Admissions, Finance, Accommodation, Apprenticeships and Inclusive Learning.

[Book your place here!](#)

## Virtual Apprenticeship Show

Students can register online for the National Apprenticeship Show on 2 December. They will be able to chat (via video or text) to exhibitors including DHL, NHS, National Grid and Vodafone.

[Register Now](#)



Wigan Warriors are holding a Virtual Open Evening on Monday 7th December, from 4-8pm  
To book a place: [education@wiganwarriors.com](mailto:education@wiganwarriors.com) or call: 01942 762888 - there are only a few spaces left!  
[bit.ly/WWRLEducationVideo](https://bit.ly/WWRLEducationVideo) this will give you an idea of what Wigan Warriors Education is all about

# Whole School Messages

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since the start of term? There are **591** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: pupils isolating  
Year 8: 137 students  
Year 9: 108 students  
Year 10: 126 students  
Year 11: 148 students

### Who had the perfect 3 last week?

**Year 7: 129 pupils**

**Year 8: 63 pupils**

**Year 9: Pupils Isolating**

**Year 10: 103 students**

**Year 11: 100 students**

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

School bus transport update: click [here](#) to read information we've received from the Local Authority.

Do you collect your child by car? If so, please could we ask that you wait for your child with your engine switched off. We have received concerns from local residents regarding pollution. Your support would be very much appreciated.

[Parent/Carer Letter](#)

[Booking & Declaration Form](#)

## [Weekly Learning Support Board](#)

Please see updated information regarding public transport:

On wider public transport it is the law that children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering and abide by social distancing.

At the beginning of this academic year face coverings were not mandatory for those students 11 years and over on dedicated school transport. However, on the 27th of November, the Department for Education released updated guidance to state that, from the 2nd of December, in accordance with advice from PHE, children and young people aged 11 and over **MUST** wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport when travelling to secondary school or college, unless they are exempt. The County Council is reiterating this message to school and parents - students must wear one, if they are able to do so. Drivers are not expected to enforce the wearing of face coverings but will relay concerns relating to non-compliance to the school bus managers, who will then advise the school.

## School Closing Times:

Please note - school reception and premises will close at 15:15, Monday - Friday, until further notice.

Congratulations to Leon in Year 8! His very proud father contacted school about Leon's huge success with karting.

Leon's father said: "This last season, Leon finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in his CKC national championship and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Teesside championship, gaining a number of trophies along the way. He also won his first special event at Wombwell "Cock 'o' North", passed his official ARKS race licence and gained a new sponsor. You can read his progression this year via his blog @ <https://monkeymotorsports.co.uk/> This coming year will probably be his last in karting, as moving up out of cadet class to junior class will prove to be too expensive." We are all hoping that Leon could secure funding or sponsorship, as he is clearly very talented!

Here's what Leon has to say:

"Hello I am Leon and my hobby is karting. I have been doing karting since February 2019. At the start of the year I only raced locally, however as I progressed I was getting bored of going round the same track every month, I needed a new track. In this championship I managed a few trophies but now a lot. In the later half of the year I started at a new circuit, and what was different at this track was that the races were live-streamed on YouTube. As I was on YouTube, I got noticed by a local company that wanted to sponsor me, of course I took the offer!. I kept the sponsor until the middle of 2020...

This year I joined a new championship, CKC, as well as still doing what I did last year. CKC was my first time competing nationwide from way down south in London, to South Wales, and way up north in Middlesbrough. Obviously because of Covid most of the races were cancelled. However, the ones that I did compete in I didn't do too bad. In the first race I finished 9th and in the last I finished 2nd, improving majorly. After these championships had finished I had nothing to do so I went to a one-off race for a special trophy. After coming 2nd in every heat, I won the final, taking home the trophy! I am looking forward to driving next year and hopefully getting my first win in an actual championship."



**Well done,  
Leon, from  
everyone at  
Parklands!**



















# TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)**





# Learning Support Board

Date: Week Commencing  
07/12/2020



At the moment most pupils are unable to visit Learning Support in N17 so we have decided to restart the Learning Support Board. Let us know what you think at:

[Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

*"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future".*

J.R.R. Tolkien

## Things you need to know:

Yes! Pupils will be attending Learning Support  
Key person can attend  
Breakfast Club  
In the dining hall at 8.20am.

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# CHRISTMAS

is about opening your heart, not just your

presents



Last week's answer:  
Moscow



Instagram

Follow us on Instagram:

[phs\\_learningsupport](https://www.instagram.com/phs_learningsupport)

## Useful Links:

- [Coronavirus story](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-story)
- [Autism Parenting Magazine](#)
- [British Dyslexia Association](#)
- [Witherslack Group](#)
- [Autism Eye](#)
- [FIND Newsletter](#)

# Interesting things to know and do:

## Historical Fact of the Week

On this day in **1941...**

## PEARL HARBOR ATTACK

Japanese bombers strike U.S. Naval Base

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise, but Japan and the United States had been edging toward war for decades. Japan invaded China in 1937 and the Americans retaliated by imposing sanctions on essential supplies like oil. The Japanese High Command decided to destroy the U.S. Pacific fleet to stop them fighting back as they invaded southeast Asia.

Pearl Harbour is a natural anchorage on the main Hawaiian island of Oahu located in the central Pacific. At 7am on 7 December 1941 Japanese planes filled the sky over Pearl Harbor. Bombs and bullets rained onto the vessels moored below. Ten minutes later, a one tonne bomb smashed through the deck of the battleship *USS Arizona*. The ship exploded and sank with more than 1,000 sailors trapped inside. Less than 2 hours later 20 ships were sunk, 300 planes destroyed and more than 2,400 U.S. personnel were killed.

Unfortunately for Japan the U.S. Navy's most powerful ships, its aircraft carriers, were at sea. The American President Franklin D. Roosevelt described the 7th December as "a date which will live in infamy" and the following day war was declared. By June 1942 Japanese forces were in retreat across the Pacific.

Courses to help parents & carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) prepare their children for the return to school after the COVID-19 Lockdown.

POET is a survey which collects children, young people's, parents'/carers' and professionals' views of the support that is delivered through special educational needs (SEN) support and educational health and care (EHC) plans.



### Returning to School following Covid-19 lockdown

Lancashire SENDIAS have commissioned courses to help parents / carers prepare their child for the return to school after the COVID-19 Lockdown

Each course will have 1 session each week for 3 weeks using Zoom, with a choice of days/evenings.

Topics covered will include:

- Working with your child's school
- Individual tasks to complete between sessions
- Signposting to useful resources and services
- Follow-up support in the autumn term

Dates and times to be confirmed:

check the Lancashire SENDIAS Facebook page or contact us for details

To book a place email Lucy and Joan at  
[Return2School.Lancs@gmail.com](mailto:Return2School.Lancs@gmail.com)

For more information see the R2S webpage <https://bit.ly/3e10B00>  
or contact the helpline below

SEND Information, Advice and Support Team  
Helpline - 0300 123 6706 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, out of hours please leave a voicemail  
Email - [information.lineteam@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:information.lineteam@lancashire.gov.uk)  
Facebook - [www.facebook.com/LancashireSENDInformationAdviceandSupportTeam](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireSENDInformationAdviceandSupportTeam)

PARENTS

CHILDREN

# We take part in Operation Encompass



## Operation Encompass

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse



“It’s every child’s right to be supported and safeguarded.”



## **Encompass Parents Awareness Letter**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of Domestic Abuse or any incident to which the child/ young person has been exposed in which they are considered to be vulnerable to harm, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse/ vulnerability can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At *Parklands High School* our Key Adult is *Mrs Fairhurst*. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mrs N Fairhurst**



# Andalucia Trip October half term 2021

Email [jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for a letter

- Amazing opportunity to:
- Visit the incredible Alhambra World Heritage Site
  - Explore the Great Mosque and Synagogue in Cordoba
    - See art exhibitions
  - Relax on Malaga Beach
  - Taste traditional tapas
  - And much more!



Five days

Open to current year 9 students

Approx. £720 all food, hotel accommodation and travel included  
We are still planning for this trip to go ahead,  
Covid-dependent

## PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

- 6 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

2nd April 2022

8 days

Total cost: £950

Deposit: £100



Email Miss Marr for a letter or more information

[gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



# PGL WATERSPORTS 2021



Email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

£ 675

TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE  
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS @ BEACH  
2 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE  
1 DAY AT AQUALAND

8th August - 15th August 2021  
ALL FOOD, TRANSPORTS, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS, AND  
WATERPARK INCLUDED.

Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents  
via edulink app.



DEADLINE IS TODAY 4TH DECEMBER - If your child has not got a place/paid deposit but wants to come you MUST email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Deposit is required to demonstrate interest but if there any issues please get in touch!

## 2021 Normandy Food Tour Years 7,8,9 &10



- Boulangerie – bread making
- Goats Cheese Farm
- Oyster Farm
- Visit to Bayeaux Market and shopping
- Sweet Making Factory
- Apple Juice & Cider Farm
- Arromanches 360 Cinema – D-Day Landing beaches and WWII history.
- Halloween Party and Campfire
- Local Market and shopping at Deauville
- ... and more!

Click here for video link...  
Please check your  
e-mail for a letter  
and booking  
form.



Staying  
at  
Chateau  
Du Baffy



4 days October 2021 - £430





# Reading House Competition y7-9 RESULTS WEEK 1



HOUSE	PLACE
Europe	1
Australasia	2
South America	3
Asia	4
Africa	5

Don't forget to look out for an email from Mrs Donohue for this week's articles and quizzes! **Your house needs you!**